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1. WARSAW PRESS MARCH 15 REPORTS A POLIBIURO MEETING HELD MARCH 14 (POSTPONED FROM THE CUSTOMARY MEETING-DAY OF TUESDAY AS A RESULT OF THE TITO VISIT), WHICH CONSIDERED THE "TRANSITORY DIFFICULTIES IN SUPPLYING THE DOMESTIC MARKET WITH MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY."

2. THE PRESS REPORT PROCEEDS, AT A GREATER LENGTH THAN IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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USUAL, TO PRESENT THE MEASURES ALREADY IMPLEMENTED BY THE

AUTHORITIES TO CORRRCT "THESE UNFAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS":
AN INCREASE IN THE DELIVERY OF MEAT AND BUTTER TO THE MARKET,
TOGETHER WITH LIMITATIONS ON THE EXPORT OF THESE PRODUCTS
AND AN INCREASE IN IMPORTS. "AS A RESULT, A CERTIAN IMPROVE-
MENT HAS TAKEN PLACE IN THE SUPPLY OF THE MARKET, PARTICULARLY
IN URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL CENTERS." "THE SOLUTIONS ADOPTED
REQUIRE AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE EXPORT OF OTHER KINGS OF
GOODS."

3. FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL MEASURES
ALREADY TAKEN TO MEET THE SITUATION DURING THE IMMEDIATE
PAST, THE REPORT PRESENTS THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE POLITBIURO
MARCH 15: (A) POINTING TO THE NECESSITY FOR INCREASING PRO-
DUCTION FOR EXPORT AND FOR LIMITING IMPORT TO THE LEVEL
ESSENTIAL FOR THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY; (B) AN APPEAL TO THE
FARMERS TO INCREASE THE SALE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE
STATE AND THEREBY TO CONTRIBUTE TO IMPROVING THE SUPPLY OF
FOODSTUFFS; (C) AN APPEAL TO THE "WORKING CLASS, FARMERS,
ENGINEERING AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, AND ALL LABORING PEOPLE"
TO DISPLAY UNDERSTANDING OF THE "CLOSE LINK BETWEEN THE SUCCESS-
FUL REALIZATION OF ECONOMIC TASKS AND A FURTHER GROWTH IN THE
STANDARD OF LIVING OF SOCIETY" AND TO EXPEND "THEIR EFFORTS
TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS IN THE SECTORS FOR WHICH
THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE."

4. THE PRESS ALSO CONTAINS: (A) AN ARTICLE REPORTING THE
ARRIVAL AT TWO DIFFERENT RAILROAD TRANSSHIPPING POINTS OF THE
TWO-HUNDRED AND ONE-HUNDRED THOUSANDTH TON OF GRAIN
RESPECTIVELY, DELIVERED THIS YEAR BY THE SOVIET UNION TO
POLAND. MOST OF THIS GRAIN IS REPORTED TO BE FOR FODDER;
(B) ARTICLES ON THE ACTIVITIES OF FARMERS, WHOM THE MILD,
SPRING-LIKE WEATHER IS ENCOURAGING TO COMPLETE THE PREPARATION
OF FIELDS EARLIER THAN USUAL.
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